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(Case No. 98-162-B)

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Dear Sir:

Please consider the following remarks made in response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004.

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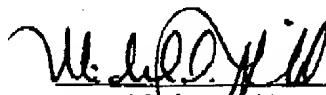
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Dear Sir:

In regard to the above identified application,

1. We are transmitting herewith the attached:
  - a) Response to the Office Action mailed January 14, 2004.
2. With respect to fees:
  - a) A fee is not required at this time.
  - b) Please charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment our Deposit Account, No. 13-2490.
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